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Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Met at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Boncore), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Essex County Correctional Facility inspection on June 7 and 8, 2021 (received July 2, 2021),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2688

Reports.

The following reports were severally received and placed on file to wit:

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B)(o) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its FY21 Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Work Participation Report (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received July 1, 2021);

DTA,-- TAFDC work report. SD2682

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its FY21 Prohibited Items and Locations Report (received July 1, 2021);

DTA,-- EBT prohibition report. SD2683

Report of the Justice Reinvestment Policy Oversight Board (pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 7D of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on Data Collection and Reporting in the Massachusetts Criminal Justice System (received July 1, 2021); and

JRPOB,-- annual report. SD2684

Report of the Health Equity Task Force (pursuant to Section 2(d) of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its final report (received July 1, 2021).

Health Equity Task Force,-- final report. SD2687

Petition.

Mr. O'Connor presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 2491) of Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Town Administrator Special Act to change the name of the Hingham board of selectmen to the Hingham select board [Local approval received];

Hingham,-- select board.

Under Senate Rule 20, referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 14.00 and 15.00, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Regulations (RPS) Class I and Class II (House, No. 3923),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

DOER,-- Renewable Energy Regulations.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3925) of James M. Kelcourse (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city of Newburyport,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Newburyport,--
charter.

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3892) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to establish transit improvement districts, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation,— **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Lexington,--
transit improvement
districts.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enhanced enforcement of swimming limitations (Senate, No. 2490) (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at six minutes past three o'clock P.M.).

Swimming
limitations.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the House for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) “commending Marc William Potvin for his career dedicated to public service and the lasting contributions he has made to the people of the Commonwealth.”

Marc William Potvin.

Matter Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

The following matter was taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill relative to the terms for members of the city of Somerville's Zoning Board of Appeals (Senate, No. 1340),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act regulating the terms of members of the zoning board of appeals in the city of Somerville.”**

Somerville,-- zoning
board.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Bill providing for alternate members of the Conservation Commission of the town of Freetown (House, No. 2156,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Freetown,--
Conservation
Commission.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.